

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Sequoia Energy US Inc.
150MW Border Winds Energy Project – Rolette County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-08-797

**Sequoia Energy US Inc. / Border Winds Energy, LLC
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-14-31

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ORDER,
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING AND
NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING**

February 14, 2014

On May 5, 2011, in Case No. PU-08-797, the Commission adopted Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Site Certificate No. 21 to Sequoia Energy US, Inc. authorizing construction of a 150 MW Border Winds Energy Project in Rolette County, North Dakota.

On January 8, 2014, Sequoia filed a petition to amend the May 5, 2011 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order to authorize changes to the previously approved Site Certificate No. 21 wind turbine site plan. Sequoia now proposes a smaller sized turbine model resulting in changes to previously authorized turbine locations and the addition of several new turbine locations within boundaries of the previously approved project area shown on the attached map. The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Also on January 8, 2014, in Case No. PU-14-31, Sequoia and Border Winds Energy, LLC filed a joint application to transfer Site Certificate No 21 to Border Winds Energy. Border Winds Energy would purchase the project from Sequoia, develop it, and then transfer ownership under a purchase and sale agreement with Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy. The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-14-31 are whether Border Winds Energy agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of Site Certificate No 21 and whether the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by March 28, 2014.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An informal hearing of this matter is scheduled to begin on March 25, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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